



Neighbors united for a better community

Northaven Hills Neighborhood News Fourth Quarter 2015

Looking back. . .

Our neighborhood group has completed another year as an active organization representing residents of Northaven Hills. Four neighborhood meetings were held this year on February 12, April 9, June 11 and October 8, and we are grateful to Fairview Christian Church for providing meeting space for those meetings.



Residents are encouraged to attend a meeting or contact a board member if there are issues you would like to see addressed by the group. Board members have lobbied the city for six additional street lights for our neighborhood. Gladstone has advised that all six have been approved and two have been sent to KCPL for installation.

The annual ice cream social was held on June 20 at the home of Roger and Anna Hensley on N. Garfield. And the annual neighborhood picnic was held on September 26 in the cul-de-sac on N.E. 67th Street at N. Euclid.

Gladstone Public Safety officers continue to support our neighborhood group by attending all events and meetings and providing safety information and advice. They also provide tours of the city's emergency vehicles for children attending the picnic.

Picnic Time

Gladstone's Finest in the chow line

Hot dogs and pulled pork, yum!



Goodies going, going, gone at the Ice Cream Social



Northaven Hills Calendar

- Thursday, November 12
Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
6740 N. Euclid

Neighborhood meetings are held four times a year at Fairview Christian Church, 1800 N.E. 65th Street – use west parking lot and entrance. All Northaven Hills residents and friends are invited to attend.



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September Report
from Gladstone Public Safety

September 10 – 2200 block of N.E. 67th Street – domestic issues.

September 12 – 6500 block of N. Michigan – traffic accident.

September 29 – 2100 block of N.E. 65th Street – traffic accident.

If you have questions about activity in the neighborhood or Gladstone Public Safety policies and issues, a Public Safety officer will be present at neighborhood meetings to answer questions and discuss any issues that may arise. Safety practices were discussed at the October 18 neighborhood meeting.

Reminder: The Gladstone Animal Shelter will appreciate your help this winter



Donations of newspapers, old towels, liquid bleach, large garbage bags and newspapers (no colored ads, please) will help keep us warm and dry this winter. We are located at 4000 Northeast 76th Street (just north of Happy Rock Park). We will 'wuf you for it!



Signed, Your Four-Footed Friends,



FREE advertising for your garage sale in Northaven Hills Newsletter



Contact Carol Elkins, 816-452-3709, or by email to northaven3hills@gmail.com.



Heard it on the grapevine...

... that municipalities in Clay County are looking at the possibility of combining Emergency Management functions. You may want to watch for further news on this subject or pose questions to your city or county representatives about what changes could occur to the delivery of Gladstone's Emergency Management Services or the method used to finance these services.



The holidays are coming

Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays will be here before you know it. It's time to start thinking about putting up those outside lights while the weather is still comfortable.

The Northaven Hills Board of Directors is unable to hold the annual lighting contest this year. However, residents are encouraged to decorate their homes to celebrate the season and help to make Northaven Hills sparkle with Christmas cheer.

Activities for Gladstone Seniors



The City of Gladstone sponsors an array of activities for 50+ senior citizens: if you like to play cards there are sessions for bridge, hand and foot and pinochle. Sessions are held every week at a different restaurant for lunch and bingo. There are many other activities, including day trips and overnight and extended tours, to enjoy with your Gladstone neighbors.

To view the monthly *Gladstone 50+ News* newsletter that details all available activities, visit the Gladstone Community Center's website at <http://www.gladstone.mo.us/Recreation/fiftyplus.php>

Northaven Hills Services Exchange

If you have a business, talent or service that you would like to advertise in the newsletter, or a personal announcement such as birth, birthday, anniversary, graduation, bereavement or other, please contact Carol Elkins at 816-452-3709 or northaven3news@gmail.com to add your item to the newsletter.

If you have a topic or concern you would like to see discussed in the newsletter please send an email to the above address. We appreciate your feedback.

Neighborhood food drive a success



Whitney Lundy collected 225 pounds of food plus \$40 of cash in her Neighborhood Food Drive for Harvesters, surpassing her goal of 150 pounds of food.

Whitney extends her "THANKS to our wonderful, supportive, caring neighbors for answering the call of those struggling with food insecurity in the Kansas City area."

Congratulations to Whitney on the success of her efforts to give back to the community and support families in need.

Reminder: If something happens to your home while you're away. . .

You can provide your emergency contact information to the Northaven Hills board. This will provide a central source for neighbors to contact if they need to reach you in an emergency.

If you are interested in providing this information to the board, please forward your email address, cell phone number and emergency contacts to the Northaven Hills Newsletter editor at: northaven3news@gmail.com.



The Northaven Hills "List"

Juanita Pritchard recommends Certified Carpet Systems, a dependable carpet cleaning service she has used for 20 years. They are currently having a special for loyal customers called "pass it along." To receive Juanita's **33 percent discount** through the month of November call for an appointment and mention that you are being referred by Juanita.

Certified Carpet Systems
Duane Crites, Owner
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Fall brush drop off is 1/2 price

Gladstone's fall brush drop-off will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 6, 7 and 8 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Gladstone Public Works Facility, 4000 N.E. 76th Street (just north of Happy Rock Park). The event is for brush and yard waste only.



Rates are half of the usual cost: paper yard waste bags are 50 cents each; a pick-up truck with waste to cab level is \$5.00; a pick-up truck piled with waste above cab level is \$15.00.

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Chef's Corner

Butternut Squash Soup

- About 4 pounds of butternut squash (one large squash or two small to medium), peeled,* seeded and diced into 1-inch cubes.
- Olive oil for roasting
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 whole garlic cloves
- 6 cups chicken stock (more or less depending on how thick you like soup to be)
- Nutmeg – a pinch or two
- Kosher salt to taste and a pinch of white pepper
- Half-and-half, to taste

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place squash on cookie sheet(s) and drizzle with olive oil; sprinkle lightly with kosher salt and toss with hands to cover with olive oil. Bake 20-30 minutes or until squash is tender when pricked with tip of knife, but before squash begins to brown.

Melt butter in a large pot. Add onion and garlic cloves and cook over medium heat until translucent, about 10 minutes. Remove garlic cloves and discard or save for other use. Add roasted squash and chicken stock. Bring to a simmer and cook about 6-8 minutes. Cool slightly and puree with an immersion blender (or in small batches in an upright blender). Season with nutmeg, salt, and pepper, adjusting salt to taste.

Serve with approximately one tablespoon of half and half swirled on top of soup in individual bowls; or add half and half to soup in pot, 1/4 cup or to taste, stirring in with an immersion blender or whisk.

Makes approximately 6 servings.

* Squash is easily peeled with a vegetable peeler.

Recipe submitted by Carol Elkins

Share your special day



We would like to feature your family's special events in the newsletter. If you have an announcement you would like to share to recognize a family member (birthday, anniversary, student news, wedding, birth announcement, obituary or other) please contact editor Carol Elkins at northaven3news@gmail.com or call 816-452-3709.



Birthday Announcement

Carolyn Ross McNulty will be two years old on December 29th. Carolyn's parents are Tim and Linda McNulty of Ft. Worth, Texas. Carolyn is the granddaughter of Carol Elkins and niece of Ann Elkins.

Happy Birthday, Carolyn!

Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting



The lighting ceremony for the Gladstone Mayor's Christmas Tree will commence at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24th in Linden Square, 602 N.E. 70th Street.

Merry Christmas



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